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The Order of Battle of Soviet Army units remained unchanged during the period from 1 August to 1 September 1954. Following the regular training program, many exercises which were far more extensive and of longer duration than those held in the preceding months, were conducted during the period of observation. Field exercises were conducted outside the usual areas at an increased rate in order to give the troops an opportunity to practice under warlike conditions. Intensified training of mixed combat groups indicated that the Soviet High Command is increasingly adapting the training to conditions of atomic warfare. There are vague indications that more field exercises will be held after 1 September which, in some instances, may be connected with the departure of troops from the summer camps. These observations, however, did not reveal an intention to start the fall maneuvers at a date earlier than in the preceding years, when the maneuvers did not start before October. Firing practices at the troop training grounds are gradually terminating. It seemed that the training of engineer troops in special areas was completed. The training of units in Austria still continued at the troop training grounds up to the second half of August. The training of the KVP made further progress. From the conducting of combat exercises at reinforced regimental level and intensified firing practices, it could be inferred that the KVP training standard continues to approach that of the Soviet Army units in the GDR.

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1. No essential changes regarding commitment, combat efficiency and quartering of army units in the GDR were discernible during the period from 1 August to 1 September 1954.

Training of Combat Divisions.

2. Exercises in special areas, which started in early and mid August, lasted for several days and also included firing practices. They,

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revealed a considerably high standard of training. Since the practices were usually conducted at reinforced regimental level or by combat groups above regimental strength, sometimes in two groups and, in most cases, included a river-crossing, it can be concluded that stress was laid upon preparatory exercises for the coming fall maneuvers. Those units which had remained in the winter quarters for security reasons also participated in the exercises as was the case in the preceding years. This was evident by intensive movements between the posts and troop training grounds. In addition, the units at the posts continued to practice in training areas near the posts in August. The occupation of the training grounds, at which in the main firing practices by artillery and tanks were conducted, generally remained unchanged in August. For details on troop movements, see Annex. The following details on training activity, especially of joint practices by tank, infantry and artillery units, were obtained:

Eighth Gds Army:

- a. In late July, combined exercises by unidentified infantry, artillery, AAA and engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army, army units and elements of the fighter division from MERSEBURG in the area east of ALTENBURG, including bridge construction over the Wyhra River.
- b. From 14 to 18 August, exercises by elements of the 21st Gds Mech Div and 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, reinforced by army engineer troops and corps AAA units, between the Losse troop training grounds and the Kyffhaeuser, including night attacks and river-crossing exercises on the Unstrut River.

Third Shock Army:

- c. From about 8 to 12 August, exercises by the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, most of the elements of which came from the Waldlager southeast of JAEVENITZ and other components from QUEDLINBURG. The exercises were conducted in the Elbe River section between TANGERMUNDE and BITTKAU and involved tanks, artillery and engineer troops. It appeared that after a bridge was built, the troops formed a bridge-head on the eastern bank of the Elbe River.
- d. Exercise by major components and tanks of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and artillery units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps from the posts of SCHWERIN, WISMAR and HAGENOW from 28 July up to about 4 August. The practices were held on either side of the Elbe River southeast of LETZLING HEATH. Troops were transferred to the training area by rail. The exercises in the area west of the Elbe River possibly also involved units of the 19th Gds Mech Div.

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- e From early to late August, continuous exercises by major components and regimental groups with tanks and artillery of the 18th Mech Div in the area of the WITSTOCK troop training grounds. The exercises included many night firing practices.

First Gds Mech Army:

- f. On 17 and 18 August, units of the 9th Tank Div, probably from RIESEN and ZEITHAIN, and elements of the 8th Gds Mech Div, presumably from KOENIGSBRUNN, including major tank units and artillery, assembled in the GROSSENHAIN area. They subsequently made an attack from east to west in the RUEHLBERG area and made a bridge head across the Elbe River. The action included river crossing of troops and tanks on ferries with engineer support of major elements of the unidentified engineer regiment of the CSFG.

Second Gds Mech Army:

- g. Small-scale exercises by the 9th Gds Tank Div in the NEUSTRELITZ area after 6 August. Up to 13 August, there were also artillery firing practices in the SPECK area, GRANZIN and GOLDENBAUM. After 6 August, a tank exercise was held in the WILHELMINENHOF area east of NEUSTRELITZ. Another exercise with tanks held in the area southeast of MIROW terminated on 19 August.
- h. From 10 until about 19 August, exercises in the eastern sector of the WITSTOCK troop training grounds by major tank and artillery units of the 12th Gds Tank Div from Neuruppin post. The units trained in several mixed combat groups above regimental strength. The target ranges in the southeastern sector of the training grounds were used for firing practices by all weapons, including night firing practices. Gas masks were worn during these exercises. En route to the troop training grounds, a pontoon bridge was constructed in the vicinity of NEUMUEHLER Schleuse north of NEURUPPIN.
- i. After 9 August, tank and mechanized units of the 1st Mech Div conducted short-term exercises at regimental level in training areas near the post.

Third Gds Mech Army:

- j. From 23 to 31 July, exercises of major elements of the 6th Gds Tank Div and army units of the Third Gds Mech Army west of WUENSDORF which involved motorcycle units of various units from the GDR which, according to movements to and from the training area, may belong to the following units: Eighth Gds Army, 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and/or 20th Gds Mech Div, 21st Gds Mech Div, Third Shock Army and/or 19th Gds Mech Div, LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, 207th Mtz Rifle Div, IX Mtz Rifle Corps, 9th Tank Div, Second Gds Mech Army, 1st Mech Div, Fourth Gds Mech Army and/or 6th Gds Mech Div, 7th Gds Mech Div and 25th Tank Div. The exercises included a crossing of the Krammen Lake on a pontoon ferry.

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- k. From 28 July to 2 August, exercises by units of the 7th Gds Tank Div from LETZLING HEATH in the area east of MAGDEBURG. No details were obtained.
- l. In early August, unidentified exercises of elements of the 9th Mech Div with tanks in the WUENSDORF-BARUTH area.

Fourth Gds Mech Army:

- m. From 27 July to 4 August, tank, artillery and AAA units of the 6th Gds Mech Div from the posts of EBERSWALDE and BILD FREIENWALDE practiced attacking and defense and, in the main, made practice marches at night south of the posts. From 19 to 23 August, units of the division from the EBERSWALDE area conducted exercises toward TEMPLIN which involved the units stationed in East BERLIN. These units arrived in the training area by rail.
- n. In late July, intensive night practices by elements of the 7th Gds Mech Div at the LIEBEROSE troop training grounds. Engineer troops of the 1st Mech Div and the 36th Pan Bridge Regt of the GSFG may have participated. After 10 August, units of the division, predominantly from FRANKFURT/Oder, and the bulk of the 24th Gds Mech Regt stationed in East BERLIN conducted field exercises at the training grounds. First elements of the regiment returned to BERLIN on 19 August.
- o. During the night of 6 August, elements of the 25th Tank Div held a night practice at the TEMPLIN troop training grounds with air force units participating. From 9 until about 17 August, the bulk of the division with major tank and artillery units conducted exercises east of ORANIENBURG. Main efforts probably were the crossings of the Havel River and channels in the BERNOWE-LEHNITZ Lake area. During this period, the quarters in Camp Vogelsang were vacant.
- p. From 10 until about 25 August, three exercises, each lasting about three days, were conducted by tank and engineer units of the 10th Gds Tank Div in the area south and west of RATHENOW. The troops are believed to have transferred to the training area by rail. On 10 August, shipments were observed en route to the training area and, during the nights of 14 and 20 August, four return shipments each were seen leaving the training area. Movements south of RATHENOW, east of the Havel and entrainments in GROSSWUDICKE led to the conclusion that these exercises included a river crossing over the lower course of the Havel River.
- q. The firing practices at sea targets held in the area between GROSSE JASMUNDER BODDEN and the Baltic Sea on Ruegen Island from 1 to 8 July were connected with landing exercises. These exercises were made from the Baltic Sea under smoke screen with tanks and air force support (elements of the fighter division at PUTZNITZ and, presumably, the navy fighter regiment in PEENEMÜNDE)."

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Training of Special Units.

3. Firing practices by artillery and AAA units continued at the firing ranges of ALTENGRABOW, JUETERBOG and WUESTROW in August 1954. It was, however, less intensive than during the preceding month. This is probably due to the fact that exercises by combined arms, as mentioned in paragraph 2 of this report, were conducted at an increased rate. Tanks of combat divisions and independent tank units held their firing practices predominantly at the troop training grounds of their units, at the HILLERSLEBEN-SALCHAU firing range, in training areas close to the post and/in the southern sector of LETZLING HEATH. Exchange movements slowed down slightly when the field exercises of units started after early and mid-August. The location of the tank units which moved in July 1954 with which they were not usually connected to areas, could not be determined. Since the return of the units has not been observed, they must still be stationed in these areas.* In order to give a better compilation, these units are again listed in the paragraph e (below). The following is a survey of the occupation of firing ranges on the basis of records from July:

a. ALTENGRABOW firing range:Of the IV Arty Corps:

25th Gds RL Brig	On 25 July, 1 shipment from RATHENOW; On 2 August, 24 rocket launchers returned.
U/1 Gun Arty Brig/ 34th Arty Div	Until 4, 5, 7 and 10 August, at least 5 shipments from WILDPARK.
32d AAA Div	Until 13 August, 1 shipment from KUESTRIN.

Of the Eighth Gds Army:

43d Gds Army Arty Brig	From 5 to 24 July, 5 shipments from ALTENBURG (only 1 return shipment observed).
308th Arty Brig	From 17 July to 30 July 3 shipments from GERA; on 29 July, 1 shipment from GERA.
76th Arty Brig	Until 25 July, 1 shipment from MERSEBURG; until 28 July, 3 shipments from MERSEBURG.

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Of the Third Shock Army:

Presumably 10th Gds RL Regt/IX Mtz Rifle Corps	On 5 August, 2 shipments with 24 rocket launchers from GUESTROW.
94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and	Until 16 July, 1 shipment from WISMAR; on 28 July, 1 shipment, probably with tanks, from HILLERSLEBEN.
4th Gds Arty Brig	On 7 August, 2 shipments from SCHWERIN.
20th Mtz Rifle Div and U/1 artillery unit/LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps	On 8 July and 10 July, each 2 shipments with AT guns and field howitzers from STENDAL. On 9 July, 2 shipments from JAEVENITZ.
19th Gds Mech Div	About 31 July, 1 shipment with light AA and armored personnel carriers from HILLERSLEBEN.

Of the First Gds Mech Army:

U/1 Arty Brig	From 27 June until 8 August and from 9 July until 8 August, 2 shipments from KOENIGSBRUECK. On 9 August, 2 shipments from KOENIGSBRUECK.
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Of the Third Gds Mech Army:

9th Mech Div	Until 10 and 14 August, each 1 shipment from PEITZ.
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The following has been the permanent occupation since early May 1954:

Three brigades of the 6th Arty Div, 2 brigades of the 24th Arty Div, including exchange of 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig (which in mid and late July went to ALTENGRABOW) with the unidentified gun artillery brigade (which in early August went to POTS DAM) and the artillery brigades of the Third Shock Army.

b. JUSTERBOG firing range:Of the Second Gds Mech Army:

2d Light Arty Brig	From 3 August until 7 and 8 August, 3 shipments from DOEBERITZ.
1st Mech Div	From 20 July to 3 August, 3 shipments from DOEBERITZ with field howitzers, heavy mortars and rocket launchers. On 31 July, 1 shipment with field howitzers and medium AT guns from DOEBERITZ.

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On 18 August, 1 shipment with
12 light AA guns and 20 armored
personnel carriers from
DOEBERITZ.

12th Gds Tank Div From 20 July until 5 August, 2
shipments with 21 field howitzers,
6 rocket launchers and medium mortars
and AT guns from NEURUPPIN.

Of the Fourth Gds Mech Army:

63d AAA Div From 26 June to 7 August, 2
shipments from FUERSTENWALDE.

71st Light Arty Brig From 11 August to 15 August, 1
shipment from ZEHENICK.

10th Gds Tank Div From 23 July to 3 August, 2
shipments from SATZKORN.

Until 10 August, 2 shipments
with artillery from SATZKORN.

The firing range was still used by units of the Third Gds
Mech Army for field exercises and firing practices.

c. WUSTROW firing range:

Of the IV Arty Corps:

2d Gds AAA Div From 6 June to 10 August, 2
shipments from SPERENBERG.
On 13 and 14 August, 2 shipments
from WUENSdorf.

6th Gds AAA Div Until 21 July, 1 shipments from
AUE.

32d AAA Div Until 21 July, 1 shipment from
FRANKFURT/Oder.
From 10 June to 18 August, 2 shipments
of a medium regiment from KUESTLIN.

Of the Eighth Gds Army:

13th AAA Div From 11 June until 7 August, 2
shipments from WEIMAR.

Of the Third Shock Army:

3d Gds AAA Div On 8 July, 2 shipments from MAGDEBURG.

U/1 AAA Regt/LXXIX From 12 June until 6 and 7 August, 3
Mtz Rifle Corps shipments from BURG.

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Of the Second Gds Mech Army:

31st AAA Div Up to 16 and 17 August, 1 shipment from VELTEN.

Of the Fourth Gds Mech Army:

63d AAA Div Up to 20 July, 1 shipment from BEERSHILDE.

Air force AAA units From 14 July to 5 August from FINSTERWALDE

d. LEIZLING HEATH firing range:Of the Eighth Gds Army:

Tank training units of the Eighth Gds Army From 25 July to 31 July, 1 shipment from GERA.

21st Gds Mech Army Up to 29 July, 1 shipment of tanks from DORNBERG.

57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div From 13 August until 17 August, 1 shipment with 22 heavy and medium tanks from EISENACH.

Of the Third Shock Army:

94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div From 12 July to 28 July, 1 or 2 shipments from SCHWERIN.

399th (?) RL Regt and U/A Army unit/LEXX Mtz Rifle Corps From 26 July to 30 July, 1 unit with rocket launchers and 19 heavy 120 mm guns from STENDAL-BORSTEL.

207th Mtz Rifle Div On 12 July, 1 shipment of 10 P 14 tanks from STENDAL.
On 7 August, 1 shipment from QUEBLINBURG.

Of the First Gds Mech Army:

9th Tank Div Presumably from 20 July to 28 July, 1 shipment from ROEDERAU.

Of the Fourth Gds Mech Army:

20th Gds Tank Div From 2 August until 6/8 August, 2 shipments with 23 medium and heavy tanks and 60 SP guns from SAEMKORF.

- e. The following is a list of tank units which transferred to jump to areas with which they were not usually connected and whose return could not yet be determined:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
(after) 14 July	9th Tank Div	RIESA	ORANSE	
9 July	1st Mech Div	DOEBERITZ	STANINKEL	21 SP guns
11 July	1st Mech Div	DOEBERITZ	LOOSA	20 SP guns
22 July	1st Mech Div	DOEBERITZ	ALTENGRABOW	14 tanks and SP guns
22 July	1st Mech Div	DOEBERITZ	FORST WINDA	12 T-34 tanks
10 July	12th Gds Tank Div	ALTRUPPIN	DOEBERITZ	22 SP tanks and SP guns
17 July	19th Gds Mech Div	HALDENSLEREN	ORANSE	21 SP guns
29 July	94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	WILBERSLEBEN	ALTENGRABOW	

There are vague indications that the tank units of the 12th Gds Tank Div returned to NEURUPPIN on 30 July.

Activity of Engineer Units:

6. The engineer training in special areas probably terminated in early and mid-August, the time at which the general exercises started. In addition, several water training sites on the Elbe River were flooded and could no longer be used. The bulk of the engineer units returned to their units where they participated in field exercises. In the second half of August, the WESAU-ROSEN training area was occupied only by the bulk of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GSG which participated in field exercises of the First Gds Mech Army in the RIESA-MUEHLBERG area in mid-August. The 36th Pan Bridge Regt was employed in the flooded LIEPIS area until mid July. It subsequently seemed to transfer to the WITTSBERG area which was especially affected by the flood and, on 3 August, the bulk of the regiment moved to the winter quarters in MAG EUTON where elements of the regiment have been stationed since 18 July. Other smaller components of the regiment participated in exercises held in late July and early August, which were probably special exercises at ICHTPOSE troop training grounds. These exercises also involved engineer units of the 1st Mech Div from 25 July to 4 August. Engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army were retransferred to their army area in late July.* The engineer units of the Second Gds Mech Army which were transferred to the JERICHOV water training site between 2 and 10 July, returned on four trains to NEURUPPIN from RATHENOW on 1 and 2 August and to MUESTELITZ from SANDAU. The return of engineer units of the 12th Gds Tank Div, which also moved to JERICHOV from NEURUPPIN during the same period, was also made in early August. This was indicated by the bridge construction during exercises of the division from 10 to 19 August. The regular training activity was presumably interrupted by the flood and was replaced by employment in the endangered area. It appears, however, that the time prior to the departure was used for exercises in the areas of commitment. During these exercises, army engineer units established a pontoon bridge at the lower course of the Havel River north of RATHENOW.

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During the summer months, the MUEHLBERG water training site on the Elbe River was presumably occupied by engineer units of the First Gds Mech Army which, according to vague indications, included engineer units of the 9th Tank Div. On 17 and 18 August, exercises by elements of the 9th Tank Div, 8th Gds Mech Div and the unidentified engineer regiment of the GSFG were conducted in the MUEHLBERG area (see paragraph 2 above). It is therefore possible that the training site was vacated in the first half of August.

Although no definite information is available, it must be expected that the BITTKAU water training site was vacated by engineer units of the Third Shock Army in late July and early August. There are indications for instance with the IX Mtz Rifle Corps and 207th Mtz Rifle Div that the units were again with their superior units after early August.

The bulk of the 35th Engr Regt of the Third Gds Mech Army is confirmed in the Sperenberg billeting area until mid-August. The special training of elements of the regiment and engineer details of the GSFG at Hege Lake was probably interrupted or terminated in mid-August, when components of the GSFG engineer units departed for exercises in the RIESA-MUEHLBERG or DESSAU-~~AKEN~~ area.*

In early August, a new type amphibious car which measured about 5 to 6 meters in length, 2.40 meters in width and 2 meters in height was observed. It had no top and was similar to the DUKW type was seen with the 36th Pz Bridge Regt of the GSFG in MAGDEBURG.

Miscellaneous:

5. Between mid and late June, about 250 x 122-mm field howitzers arrived in the GDR from USSR. These guns, which are either new or improved old ones, are to replace old guns or are to serve the following purposes:
 - a. The re-equipping of mortar regiments of tank and mechanized divisions, whose medium mortar equipped units would then be replaced by a field howitzer battalion. This conclusion was drawn from the following observation: in late June, the 10th Gds Tank Div received 12 field howitzers in SATZKORN after which the division turned in 31 medium mortars at the ordnance and equipment depot of the Fourth Gds Mech Army in EBERSWALDE-BIESSENTHAL in the course of July. At about the time of the guns' arrival, weapons were seen in the quarters of the mortar regiment of the division in the Kriegs Schule in POTSDAM which were identified as 12 field howitzers in mid-August. Apart from the possibility that the howitzer regiment was transferred from KRAMNITZ to POTSDAM, it could have only been a new unit. If all mortar regiments in the GDR received a field howitzer battalion, a total of 216 guns would be necessary.
 - b. The reinforcing of artillery regiments of the tank divisions by a second howitzer battalion. In July, more than 20 field howitzers were identified when the 9th Gds Tank Div and the 12th Gds Tank Div transferred for firing practices. These guns indicate the existence of a second howitzer

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battalion with each of the divisions. Since only 96 field howitzers are necessary for such a reinforcement of the 8 tank divisions, and since far more field howitzers were reported, the possibility in paragraph "a" is more probable.

- c. A third possibility, based on observations in paragraphs "a" and "b," would be that a simultaneous equipping of mortar regiments and reinforcement of artillery regiments of the tank divisions is planned.

Transportation.

6. The traffic situation of the GDR Railroads was normal during the reported period. All transportation requirements were met. The number of cars loaded for the Soviets amounted to a daily average of 798 units and to about 2.6 percent of the total car loadings. Most of the flood damages which had occurred in July were repaired.
7. Compared to July, railroad coal stocks decreased by 21 days' requirements to 4.3 days' requirements on 15 August. They continued to be below normal. Due to insufficient hard coal imports from Poland, hard coal stocks decreased to 40 percent of total coal stocks. Therefore, raw brown coal which is inferior in quality had once again to be used by the East German railroads.
8. Difficulties which had occurred in connection with the reorganization of Soviet transit traffic across the Oder/Neisse Line have been eliminated. On the average, the following numbers of cars passed daily through the border stations listed:

<u>Border Station</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>
SCHNEE	40 to 60
KUESTRIN/KIETZ	80 to 140
FRANKFURT/Oder	400 to 500
GUBEN	350 to 450
FORST	400 to 450
HORKA	450 to 550

The FORST and HORKA border stations were not used for Soviet transit traffic.

The following military shipments to the GDR were noted:

- a. Trucks and small numbers of armored personnel carriers continued to arrive. Ammunition shipments arrived at an increased rate. For details, see paragraph 10 (below).
- b. New Soviet rails of the heavy R 50 type entered the GDR to be used for the improvement of the railroad net. Such shipments were also observed in 1953 but to a somewhat larger extent.

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9. Miscellaneous:

- a. The GDR Railroads sped up preparations for the dispatch system according to Soviet pattern. This new system necessitates large-scale alterations in the areas of the RBDs and RBAs, which are to be completed by 1 September 1954.
- b. Following the Soviet rail deliveries, the dismantled second track on the FALKENBERG-WELSTERWERDA and DESSAU-WOLFEN main line sections was again reconditioned. The enlargement of the Westring BERLIN (enlargement of double track along the WUSTERMARK-WILDPARK line and construction of a new track between WILDPARK and MICHENDORF) was postponed for an undetermined period. Thus, the Ringum-BERLIN which could have been closed by this construction project cannot be closed for the time being.

10. Supply:

- a. Incomplete information is available on military supply shipments from the USSR. The following has been, however, clearly discernible:
 - (1) The volume of ammunition supply, which temporarily decreased in May and June, again increased. Up to mid-August, not less than 330 carloads with about 6,000 tons of ammunition arrived.
 - (2) Armored personnel carriers continue to arrive in small quantities. So far, about 350 cars have been obtained.
 - (3) A large-scale motor vehicle exchange movement has been under way since late July. Up to 20 August, 800 new trucks arrived and about 500 trucks were returned.

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- 11. In mid-August it was learned that the former Grenadier Kaserne on Werder Strasse in SCHMERIN has been occupied since early August by engineer troops, presumably the engineer battalion of Infantry Division SCHMERIN from PRORA. It is possible that the unit is only temporarily stationed there. The occupation of the kaserne south of STRAUSBERG railroad station by a guard regiment and truck regiment was definitely confirmed. It was said that additional new buildings at the Strausberg airfield for the KVP Department/Ministry of the Interior, Installation Seehaus, were to house the Hq VP (See) and the administration of the Aero Club (VP Luft). The adjoining airfield area was reconditioned for courier planes.

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Training.

12. In the main, the troops engaged in advanced combat practices at reinforced regimental level, in exercises at reinforced battalion level and in firing practices with all weapons. Subjects of training included attack, pursuit, crossing of rivers and lakes, combat in the woods, and defense. The regular exchange of units between the posts and firing ranges and troop training grounds was continued. Corps Nord still used the JAEGERBRUECK troop training grounds; Corps Sued the training grounds of ZUELLSDORF and WEISSWASSER; and Mechanized Division Potsdam the troop training grounds east of KLINTZ. It seemed that most of the units identified at the firing ranges of ZINGST, Auf dem DARSS and GRAAL north-northeast of ROSTOCK during the period under review belonged to Corps Nord. Those elements of the division which remained at the post engaged in exercises up to company level, motorized marches and subsequent advanced combat practices. The following exercises are noteworthy:
- The command post exercises by Infantry Division Prenzlau and Mechanized Division Eggesin were apparently continued at corps level up to early August. Between 16 and 19 August, Infantry Division Prenzlau (without the 2d Inf Regt) conducted field exercise in the JAEGERBRUECK area. This exercise was witnessed by high-ranking government officials including Minister of the Interior Stoph. Corps Sued conducted the first large-scale exercise in the NOCHTEN area (WEISSWASSER troop training grounds) between 4 and 7 August. The importance of this maneuver was stressed by the presence of Minister President Grotewohl.

Austria.Training.

13. The occupation of the DOELLERSHEIM troop training grounds by the bulk of the units of the 13th Gds Mech Div and the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div apparently remained unchanged up to late August. The units which were employed in the flooded area on the Danube River returned to their St. POELTEN post prior to 1 August. The APETLON AAA range was still occupied by elements of the 23d AAA Div and army AA units from Austria and Hungary. In late July and early August, combat firing against ground and air targets, which involved several regiments at the same time, were conducted there.

Annex: A list of Soviet Divisions and Independent Units in the GDR.

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Soviet Divisions and Independent Units in the GDR

<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Activity and Location</u>
GSPG	6th Arty Div	The bulk of the brigades stationed in RATHENOW were at ALTENGRABOW (28 August).
	124th Hw How Arty Brig	The bulk at the post in August. 30 August, departure of elements in undetermined strength from BRANDENBURG.
	25th Gds RL Brig	The bulk at the post (28 August); 31 August, departure of elements from the post.
	34th Arty Div	On 4, 5, 7 and 10 August, the bulk of the U/1 gun Arty Brig transferred to WILDPARK from ALTENGRABOW in not less than 5 shipments in exchange for the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig.
	2d Gds AAA Div	Elements at WUSTROW from 6 June to 10 August (2 shipments); after 13/14 August, elements in WUSTROW (2 shipments); presumably light unit from RUEDESDORF at ALTENGRABOW since 20 July (1 shipment).
	6th Gds AAA Div	Elements transferred to KOENIGSERUECK on 15 July (1 shipment). Components back to AUE from WUSTROW on 21 July (1 shipment); other elements presumably still in WUSTROW since 16 July (2 shipments).
	32d AAA Div	From 10 June to 18 August, 1 medium regiment from KUESTRIK in WUSTROW; 21 July, 1 shipment back to FRANKFURT/Oder from WUSTROW; components back to KUESTRIK from ALTENGRABOW on 13 August (1 shipment).
	36th Pon Bridge Regt	The bulk at the winter quarters in the Seeckt Kaserne (5287) in MAGDEBURG after 3 August; elements in LIEBENROSE from 24 to about 31 July and after 2 August (1 shipment each).
	U/1 Engr Regt	On 26 August, still in the AKEN area; elements at exercises of the First Gds Mech Army in the ZEITHAM-MUEHLBERG area on 17/18 August.

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Eighth Gds Army:

13th AAA Div From 11 June to 7 August, elements from WEIMAR in WUSTROW (2 shipments).

220th Hv Tank SP Presumably still at GLAUCHAU post
Regt

43d Gds Army Arty The bulk in ALTENGRABOW from 5 to
Brig 24 July (5 shipments).

38th Army Arty Brig Still at the post in the second
half of August.

19th Indep Gds Engr After the return from DESSAU-AKON
Bn in late July, again at the post. In
mid-August, possibly participated
in exercises of the 21st Gds Mech Div
in the area southeast of the LOSSA
troop training grounds.

XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps

308th Arty Brig From 17 to 30 July, in ALTENGRABOW
from GERA (3 shipments); after 29
July, more elements in ALTENGRABOW
(1 shipment); 1 August, the bulk
departed for an undetermined
destination, presumably for OHRDRUF.
The return was not observed; 18
August, the brigade was again at
the post.

316th Gds RL Regt Elements from SAALFELD in ALTENGRABOW
from 12 to 23 July (1 shipment).

497th AAA Regt In WUSTROW since 18 July (4 shipments).

880th Engr Bn 24 August, at the post.

39th Gds Mtz Rifle The bulk probably in OHRDRUF (confirmed
Div there until 31 July); 2 August, elements
of the 87th Gun Arty Regt from PLAUEN
presumably transferred to OHRDRUF; other
elements in PLAUEN up to mid-August;
11 August, components in MEININGEN.

20th Gds Mech Div Still carried in Camp CRAWINKEL.
Confirmed there up to late July.
Elements of the 67th Gds Mech Regt at
ZEITZ post up to 20 August.

XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps

76th Arty Brig The bulk at the post up to mid-August;
late July, elements back from firing
practices in ALTENGRABOW (4 shipments).

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the bulk from Camp JAEVENITH in the northern sector of LETZLING HEATH engaged in exercises in the TANGERHUEDE-BITTKAU area, together with elements of the 597th Itz Rifle Regt from QUEDLINEBURG (1 shipment) and the 328th Engr Bn.

19th Gds Mech Div

After 31 July, light AAA units from HILLERSLEBEN in ALTENGRABOW (1 shipment); from 28 July to 4/5 August, elements presumably engaged in exercises east of LETZLING HEATH (TANGERHUEDE area); units in HILLERSLEBEN at the quarters up to late August; from there, frequent exercises in LETZLING HEATH; 21 August, return of first shipments from LETZLING HEATH to MAGDEBURG post.

IX Itz Rifle Corps

4th Gds Arty Brig

Elements from SCHWERIN in ALTENGRABOW after 7 August (2 shipments); up to mid-August, other components in the Schwerin post.

U/i AAA Regt

In early August, presumably in the SCHWERIN post.

10th Gds RL Regt

After 5 August, elements from GUESTROW in ALTENGRABOW in two shipments.

U/i Engr Bn

In early August in the SCHWERIN post.

94th Gds Itz Rifle Div

From 12 to 28 July, elements from SCHWERIN in LETZLING HEATH (1 or 2 shipments); up to 16 July, elements from WISMAR in ALTENGRABOW (1 shipment); after 28 July, elements, presumably of tank units, in ALTENGRABOW (1 shipment); major components, especially artillery and tanks, from SCHWERIN, MAGDEBURG and WISMAR engaged in exercises east of LETZLING HEATH from 25/27 July to 5/6 August (9 shipments to the training area and 8 shipments back).

13th Mech Div

After 18 July, elements in WISMAR (1 shipment) the bulk in SCHWERIN up to late August; there continuous exercises by major components since early August.

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First Gds Mech Army:

4th Gds AAA Div	After 17 June, elements in WUSTROW (2 shipments); on 29 August, 1 battery back (1 shipment).
U/i Arty Brig	After 9 August, additional elements from KOENIGSRUECK in ALTENGRABOW (2 shipments). In late August, firing practices in ZEITHAIN.
U/i RL Regt	In mid-August, presumably still at the post in MEISSEN.
8th Gds Mech Div	In early August, elements in KOENIGSRUECK and elements in the posts; from 9 to 30 July and, after 5 August, elements of the 21st Gds Mech Regt from GRIMMA in KOENIGSRUECK; 6 to 11 August, elements from EILENBURG in WEISSWASSER; 7 to 12 August, elements from GRIMMA in WEISSWASSER. During the second half of August, exercises at reinforced regimental groups in the ZEITHAIN-MUEHLBERG area, which presumably also involved the 19th Gds Mech Regt from MARKKRANSTADT (5 shipments). On 20/21 August, first return shipments.
9th Tank Div	The bulk of the division in the ZEITHAIN area up to the second half of August and at exercises in the MUEHLBERG area; presumably tank firing details in LETZLING HEATH from 20 to 29 July.
11th Gds Tank Div	The bulk in the area of the KOENIGSRUECK troop training grounds up to 22 August; tank units also engaged in exercises in ZEITHAIN.

Second Gds Mech Army:

31st AAA Div	The bulk at the SCHOENWALDE post up to 25 August; elements from VELTEN in WUSTROW up to 17 August (1 shipment).
2d Light Arty Brig	From 3 to 7/8 August, elements from DOEBERITZ in JUETERBOG (3 shipments); on 20 August, elements presumably for firing practices in the south-eastern sector of the WITTSTOCK troop training grounds; on 24 August, elements presumably back from firing practices at the JUETERBOG troop training grounds.

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Army Engr units	From 3 July to 2 August, elements from NEUBRANDENBURG in the JERICHO-RATHENOW area; subsequently in the NEUBRANDENBURG post up to the second half of August.
90th Gds RL Regt	Elements from VELTEN in ALTENGRABOW after 9 July (1 shipment); return not yet observed; up to 25 August, presumably at the SCHOENWALDE post.
9th Sig Regt	Up to 17 August at the FUERSTENBERG post.
1st Mech Div	The bulk at the post and at the DOEBERITZ troop training grounds up to late August; after 9 August, exercises at reinforced regimental groups at the DOEBERITZ troop training grounds; after 17 July, AAA units in MUSTROW (2 shipments) and, after 18 August, light AAA units in ALTENGRABOW (1 shipment); elements of the 18th Engr Bn in LIEBTRÖSE from 25 July to 4 August (1 shipment); from 20 July to 3 August and, after 31 July, artillery units in JUETERBOG (3 and 1 shipment); from 15/18 August up to 19/21 August, tank units engaged in firing practices in NEUSTRELITZ (3 shipments).
9th Gds Tank Div	From 10 July to 1 August, elements of the 90th Gds Engr Bn in the JERICHO-SABDAU area (2 shipments); after 6 August, artillery units at firing practices on the SPECK-GRANZIN troop training grounds and engaged in tank exercise east of NEUSTRELITZ; up to 19 August, major elements at exercises in the area southeast of MIROW.
12th Gds Tank Div	From 10 to 19 August, exercises at reinforced regimental groups in the eastern sector of the WITTSTOCK troop training grounds; from 2 July to early August, elements of the 205th Engr Bn in the JERICHO area (1 shipment) and, after 10 August, exercises in the eastern sector of the WITTSTOCK troop training grounds north of NEURUPPIN; artillery units in JUETERBOG from 20 July to 5 August (2 shipments); after 12 and 22 August, AAA units in ALTENGRABOW (1 shipment each).

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Third Gds Mech Army:

62d AAA Div	Elements back to Dessau from WUSTROW on 31 August. (1 shipment).
91st Gds RL Regt	In August still at the post.
35th Engr Regt	In August still at the post.
14th Gds Mech Div	Presumably at the post and in the JUETERBOG training area up to mid-August.
6th Gds Tank Div	The bulk of the division still at Camp WERDER-MARKENDORF in August; from 23 to 31 July, major elements engaged in exercises in the area west of WUENSDORF.
7th Gds Tank Div	The bulk of the division confirmed in the southern sector of LETZLING HEATH in August; in late July and early August, exercises by elements east of MAGDEBURG.
9th Mech Div	In mid-August, the bulk in the _____ camp and at the troop training grounds of FORST TAUER; elements from FEITZ in ALTENGRABOW up to 10 and 14 August (1 shipment each).

Fourth Gds Mech Army:

63d AAA Div	Presumably elements from EBERSWALDE in WUSTROW from 23 June to 20 July (1 shipment); elements from FUERSTENWALDE in WUSTROW from 26 June to 7 August (2 shipments).
71st Light Arty Brig	Elements from ZEHENICK in JUETERBOG from 11 to 15 August (1 shipment).
6th Gds Mech Div	In August, the bulk still at the posts; from 27 July to 4 August, tank, artillery and AAA units from EBERSWALDE and BAD FREIENWALDE at exercises in the area south of these posts; from 19 to 23 August, northwest of EBERSWALDE exercises by units from BERLIN (18 August, 3 shipments from KAULSDORF to BIESENTHAL, on 23 August, 3 shipments back from TEMPLIN); from July up to mid-August, minor exchange movements between the posts and the TEMPLIN troop training grounds.

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7th Gds Mech Div

The bulk of the division at the LIEBROGE troop training grounds up to the second half of August; there, exercises with elements from FRANKFURT/Oder and BERLIN (the bulk of the 24th Gds Mech Regt) in late July and after 15 August (from 13 to 20 August, elements from BERLIN in 3 or 4 shipments).

10th Gds Tank Div

Up to late August, the bulk at the quarters in KRAFNITZ; continuous small exercises in the southern sector of the DOEBERITZ troop training grounds; from 10 to 25 August, three subsequent exercises in the RACHNOW area with tank, artillery units and components of the 131st Gds Sher Bn (4 shipments each of 14/15, 20/21 and 26 August back to SATZKORN from GROSSWUDICKE); from 2 to 6 August, and after 30 August, tank units from SATZKORN in LETZLING HEATH; elements from SATZKORN in JUETERBOG from 23 July to 3 August (2 shipments); up to 10 August, artillery units from SATZKORN in JUETERBOG.

25th Tank Div

The bulk of the division in TEMPLIN up to the second half of August; there major components engaged in night practice with night firing on 6/7 August, from 9 to about 17 August, exercises in combat groups above regimental strength with most of the units in the area east of ORANIEBURG

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